



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, January 12, 2024

City News



City Administrator Andy Takata and Mayor Frederick



City Administrator Andy Takata and his wife Tami Takata.



City Administrator Andy Takata

ANDY TAKATA RETIREMENT

Mayor Frederick, presented City Administrator Andy Takata with an engraved cutting board on behalf of the staff and Council, at Tuesday's City Council Meeting. The Mayor thanked City Administrator Takata for his service to the City of DuPont and wished him well in his retirement. Mr. Takata has been with the City of DuPont since late 2018.

Mr. Takata's experience in municipal government spans more than 43 years, with over 27 years as a City Manager. In addition to his current position with the City of DuPont, he has served as City Manager for the Cities of Atascadero, Newcastle, Yucca Valley, Banning, and was the Chief of Staff District 2 Supervisor for the County of San Bernardino. He served as an Interim City Manager for the cities of Twentynine Palms and Calexico.

"City Administrator Takata will be greatly missed in the City of DuPont as he departs on his next life adventure. He brought a wealth of experience to the city over the past five years, which was instrumental in creating a wonderful work environment for city staff and elected officials. His competency was unsurpassed in solving issues that arise in city government, and we will miss his good humor and warm smile," said Mayor Frederick.

Mr. Takata will be greatly missed by staff, council and the City of DuPont as he departs on his next life adventure. Thank you Andy for your service to the City of DuPont!

STATE OF THE CITY & CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS

On January 9, 2024, at the Regular Council Meeting, the Mayor performed the ceremonial swearing in of new Councilmembers, Shawna Gasak, and Tom Wargo, and re-elected Councilmember Kevin Ballard.

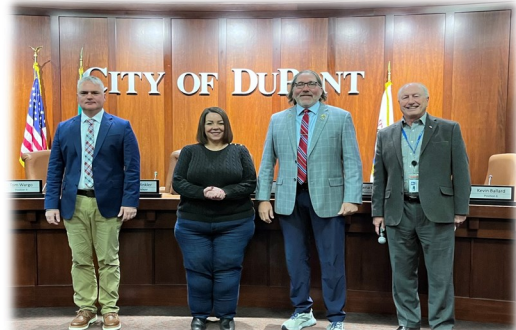
Mayor Frederick introduced the recorded State of the City address, which was presented.

To view the 2024 State of the City Video please click below:

[2024 DuPont State of the City \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2024DuPontStateoftheCity)



Councilmember Wargo, Councilmember Gasak, Councilmember Ballard, and Mayor Frederick



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City of DuPont Parks & Recreation

Senior 2024 LUNCH & MOVIE

January 16
February 6
March 19

\$10 + TAX
**INCLUDES LUNCH
& MOVIE TICKET!**

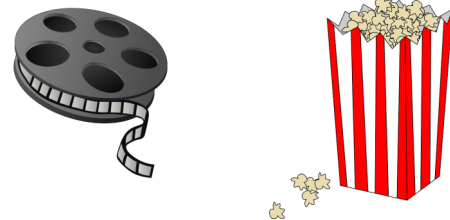
EVENT REGISTRATION AND MOVIE
CHOICES WILL BE POSTED WITHIN 5
DAYS OF EVENT DATE



Senior Lunch and Movie



The best deal in town! Grab a friend and join DuPont Parks & Recreation for lunch and a movie. After meeting at DuPont City Hall we caravan to the agreed upon lunch spot to follow with your movie of choice. \$10 includes lunch and a movie ticket. Transportation not provided.

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors>





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PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES**

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Parks & Recreation
www.DuPontWA.gov



NATURE WITH KATE LYNCH
SATURDAYS • 10AM - NOON • \$139



PEOPLE WITH LYNSEY STRADER
SATURDAYS • 1PM - 3PM • \$139

CLASSES:
January 20, 27,
February 10, 2024

FIELD TRIP:
February 3, 2024

REGISTER HERE:
www.DuPontWAPhoto.com

Nature & People Photography Classes

Whether you want to capture birds in flight or a beautiful scene in one of Washington's parks, your ticket to stellar images is knowing how to use your digital camera and understanding visual composition. Parks & Recreation is proud to offer a fantastic opportunity to learn the photography of people and nature this winter.

Classes will be taught by professional photographers Kate Lynch and Lynsey Strader starting January 20. This would make a fantastic gift for the holidays! Registration information can be found here:

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes>

City of DuPont
Parks & Recreation

TEEN Night OUT

MINUTE TO WIN IT

Race the clock in these fast paced, minute to win it games! Have some laughs, dinner and maybe even win some prizes!

AGES 13-18 **\$10 PER TEEN**
PRICE INCLUDES DINNER

JAN. 19 2024 | 6:45 - 8:15 PM

DuPont Community Center - 303 Barksdale Ave. DuPont
REGISTRATION CLOSING JAN. 16

January Teen Night Out - Minute To Win It

Friday, January 19, 2024

6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Bring a friend and test out your skills as you race the clock in these fast-paced, minute to win it games! There is a game for everyone! Have some laughs, dinner and maybe even win some prizes. \$10 per child, includes all games and dinner. Sign up by January 16th!

Sign up here: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens>



DuPont's 1st Annual Pickleball Tournament!

Parks & Recreation is feeling the love that this community has for pickleball, the fastest growing sport in Washington state and we would like to invite all levels to participate in a community tournament at 23 Kitchens in Lacey. Registration information will be available on February 1st, but we want you to save the date if you would like to play! All levels are welcome, including beginners.

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events>

March 17, 2024

Please save the date!

New Years Senior Luncheon

Ring in the new year right at the Parks & Recreation New Year Senior Social scheduled for January 26 at the Community Center in Historic Village. The cost is just \$10 and includes lunch, warm drinks, raffles and an opportunity to catch up with friends around town. Please RSVP to City Hall at (253) 964-8121 no later than January 22. To simplify the registration process for our seniors, payment will be accepted at the door. (Cash or card) Be sure to bring your friends, we can't wait to see you!

[Adults & Seniors | DuPont, WA - Official Website](#)

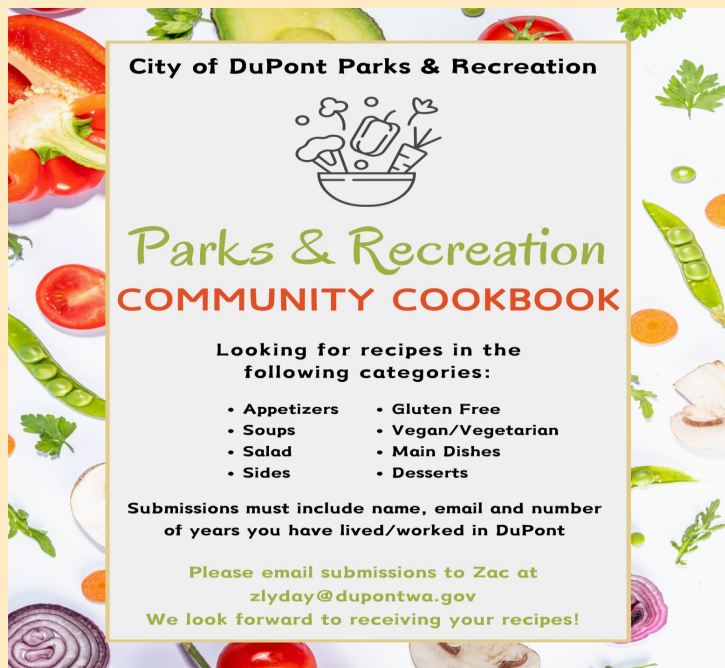


Parks & Recreation Community Cookbook

Please help Parks & Recreation gather up some lovin' from the oven for a community cookbook to be sold at the 2024 Farmers Market. All proceeds from the cookbook will help support our summer Farmers Market.

We know we have some fabulous cooks out there and we cannot wait to hear from you. We kindly ask that all recipes are submitted no later than **Friday, March 8th**

We thank you in advance for your continued support.





Adopt a Senior at Patriot's Landing

Spread the love this year by sending a candy gram to a resident at Patriot's Landing. \$5 per candy gram! Our goal is to be able to deliver a candy gram to every resident. Purchase one today!

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events>

Bunny Breakfast 2024

Hop to it and get your tickets for the 2024 Annual Bunny Breakfast on **Saturday, March 30th** at The Home Course. Tickets sell fast! Have some laughs, a yummy breakfast buffet and one on one time with the Easter Bunny himself.

Space is extremely limited, don't delay in purchasing your tickets!

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events>



Youth Baseball

Youth baseball registration for the 2024 season is now open! There is an option for all ages ranging 4 - 15 years old, boys and girls. Register today to secure your spot, as early bird registration ends January 31st. Parks & Recreation is forever grateful to our friends at Patriots Athletic League who run a superb youth baseball and softball program for our community. Check out our website for enrollment and more information! "Play Hard, Play Right, Have Fun!"

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/549/Youth-Sports>

DuPont Historical Museum

Museum Valentine event

Stop by the DuPont Historical Museum on February 10th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for some Valentine's Day fun. Create your very own Valentines' card for that special someone in your life. Supplies and treats will be provided at no cost. Please VP by leaving a message at (253) 820-3656 to help us plan accordingly.



DuPont Historical Society

Valentine Card Making

Enjoy an afternoon of card making and Valentine treats

February 10, 2024 2-4PM

Please RSVP by leaving a message at (253) 820-3656 to help us plan accordingly

DuPont Museum
207 Barksdale Ave.

Film screening funded by Puyallup Tribe of Indians Charity Trust and Nisqually Delta Association

BUFFALO SOLDIERS: Fighting on Two Fronts

Post-Film Q+A w/filmmaker Dru Holley



Winner of the 2023 Public Media Award for Best Historical Documentary

BLACKBALD films

4:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4th 2024
Eagle's Pride Golf Course
1529 Mounts Rd SW, DuPont, WA

\$3 SUGGESTED DONATION

recommended for ages 13 and up



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DupontHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com
(253) 820-3656 www.dupontmuseum.com

Buffalo Soldiers Film Screening at the DuPont Historical Museum

The documentary film "Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting on Two Fronts" will be shown at Eagle's Pride Golf Course and followed by Q&A with filmmaker Dru Holley. "In 1866, six all-Black cavalry and infantry regiments were created after Congress passed the Army Organization Act. They came to be known as Buffalo Soldiers. The film explores the often contradictory role played by the Buffalo Soldiers throughout American history, with particular emphasis on the settling of the American West."

The film won the 2023 Public Media Award for Best Historical Documentary. The event is funded with grants from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Charity Trust and the Nisqually Delta Association.

Recommended for ages 13 and up.

duponthistoricalmuseum@gmail.com or (253) 820-3656

Sunday, Feb. 4th 4:00 p.m.

2024 Cherry Blossom Tea

The annual Cherry Blossom Tea put on by the DuPont Historical Society will be held at Eagle's Pride. This year's theme is "Stitches in Time" where we will explore the history of quilting. The guest speaker will be quilt historian Phyllis Beaver who will have a few of her own quilts on display.

Join the Historical Society on **Saturday, March 9, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** for a wonderful afternoon of tea and hors d'oeuvres.

This event is sponsored by CalPortland.

Tickets on sale now. For ticket sales or more information contact duponthistoricalmuseum@gmail.com or (253) 459-4339.

Eagles Pride Golf Course -
1529 Mounts Rd SW, DuPont, WA 98327

DUPONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

Stitches in Time 2024 CHERRY BLOSSOM TEA

featuring Phyllis Beaver, Quilt Historian

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Eagle's Pride, DuPont, WA

Advance tickets only: \$35 per person
\$264 per table of 8

BENEFITING THE DUPONT MUSEUM

Reservations & info: 253.459.4339 or
duponthistoricalmuseum@gmail.com



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY



AUGUST 2023

I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. Corridor Improvements

Beginning in late summer 2023, contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin construction on Interstate 5 in DuPont near Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is the third in a series of projects that widens I-5 to add HOV lanes between DuPont and Lakewood.

Improvements coming to DuPont and JBLM

In addition to extending the I-5 HOV lanes, construction crews will make improvements that enhance mobility and safety in DuPont and near the JBLM DuPont Gate at exit 119, including:

- A new bridge spanning I-5 and the railroad. The new bridge will feature a partial Diverging Diamond Interchange and a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists between JBLM and DuPont.
- Direct access between JBLM and both directions of I-5.
- A new roundabout connecting Steilacoom-DuPont Road and the new overpass.

The project will also add a new signal at the intersection of the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Mounts Road (exit 116) and improve the I-5 vertical clearance over Pendleton Avenue.

What you can expect

Construction will begin in summer 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2026. The project consists of multiple stages that involve overnight and weekend ramp closures, lane shifts onto temporary pavement, potential speed limit reductions, and bicycle and pedestrian detours. Crews will contain dust and debris to the construction site and will minimize noise as much as practical. Clear signage will indicate required detours throughout the project.



The project extends HOV lanes in both directions into DuPont.

Stay connected

Follow us on Twitter [@WSDOT_Tacoma](https://twitter.com/WSDOT_Tacoma)

Check out our Facebook page: facebook.com/WSDOT

Project hotline: 206-467-2171

Scan the QR code or visit: wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/i-5-mounts-rd-steilacoom-dupont-rd-corridor-improvements



For updated weekly ramp and lane closure schedules, visit: wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/

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Title VI Notice to Public: It is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OECR's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7090. 23-08-0293

WSDOT: I-5 Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements outreach links:

Online open house:

<https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/i-5-mounts-to-steilacoom-dupont-rd/>

WSDOT Blog:

<https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2023/09/i-5-hov-dupont-jblm.html>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIDRY3j6DNI&t=1s>

The WSDOT Facebook page also has a post linking the blog and online open house:

<https://www.facebook.com/WSDOT/>

Community News

In the Steilacoom Historical School District, we recognize that everybody plays a role in ensuring children attend school regularly and have made the promotion of regular attendance a key goal area.

Recently, I met with our Superintendent Student Advisory Committee members at each school. I am so lucky to be able to talk with these students regularly to learn their ideas about how to improve our school system.

At our most recent meeting, we shared the startling research from a national non-profit initiative called Attendance Works with the students: *"Starting as early as preschool and kindergarten, regular attendance is essential for students gaining the academic and social skills they need to thrive. Research shows that when students are chronically absent (missing 10% or more of the school year or 18 days over an entire year), they are less likely to read proficiently by third grade, achieve in middle school and graduate from high school.*

Chronic absence has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, from 8 million to an estimated 16 million students nationwide. That's one out of three students. Absenteeism has risen among all student groups, at every economic level."

We asked for our Superintendent Student Advisory Committee members' ideas on how to ensure that everyone recognizes chronic absenteeism as a serious issue that our school system is working to address with a positive, problem-solving approach.

As always, these student leaders offered great insight about encouraging good attendance. Many of their thoughts echoed the recommendations/key messages of the Attendance Works organization:

- Respond to absences with care and support, not blame. Commit to a positive, problem-solving approach driven by data to improve attendance.
- Emphasize the value of regular attendance for maintaining routines that support well-being, building relationships and accessing resources, as well as gaining opportunities to learn.
- Use absence data to help identify which students and families need extra support.
- Build trusting relationships that promote belonging.
- Recognize families as essential partners through trusting relationships that support student learning at home and in school.
- Recognize students are more likely to engage in learning and attend school if they feel safe, connected and supported.
- Share chronic absence data so everyone is aware of the size and scale of the challenge.

Our efforts will continue and we look forward to partnering with our community to best support students and families as we improve attendance, a sense of belonging and achievement.

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Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent

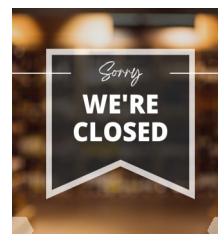


City News

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed on the following upcoming days:

- **Monday, January 15th, in celebration of MLK Day.**
- **Monday, February 19th, in celebration of Presidents' Day.**



DuPont Fire Department

Response Information: The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the “Current” column are statistics from the past week and the “Year” statistics include all responses since January 1st of this year. Please note the weekly figures are based off raw data.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other			0
(11) Structure Fire			0
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			0
(14) Natural vegetation fire			0
(15) Outside rubbish fire			0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			0
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			0
(31) Medical assist			0
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident			0
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		13	13
(33) Lock-In		1	1
(35) Extrication, rescue			0
(36) Water or ice-related rescue			0
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks			0
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			0
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			0
(50) Service call, other			0
(51) Person in distress			0
(52) Water Problem			0
(53) Smoke, odor problem			0
(54) Animal problem or rescue			0
(55) Public service assistance			0
(56) Unauthorized burning			0
(60) Good intent call, other			0
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route			0
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found			0
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke			0
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			0
(70) False alarm and false call, other			0
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			0
(73) System or detector malfunction		2	2
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)			0
(91) Citizen complaint			0
Unknown			0
TOTALS		16	16

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		0
Madigan	4	4
Mary Bridge		0
St. Clare	5	5
St. Joseph		0
St. Peters		0
Tacoma General		0
TOTAL	9	9

ALS	7	7
BLS	6	6

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	3	3
0800-1649	9	9
1700-2359	4	4
TOTAL	16	16

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	4	4
Monday	2	2
Tuesday	3	3
Wednesday	1	1
Thursday	2	2
Friday	2	2
Saturday	2	2
TOTAL	16	16

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received		0
DPF Provided		0
Multiple Calls	2	2

Safety Message - Fire Safety-Oven Fire Prevention

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE STOVE TO PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES

- Stay close to the kitchen when cooking, especially if frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling.
- Turn the stove or oven off if you must leave your home, even for a short time.
- Use timers to remind yourself to check on food regularly, especially items baking in the oven, and to prevent food from overcooking.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen and learn how to use it.

A CLEAN WORK AREA HELPS PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES

- Turn pan handles in.
- Pull back long hair.
- Keep long or loose sleeves rolled up.
- Don't use the Oven, Stovetop on the Broiler tray for Storage.



Name _____

Cooking safety starts with YOU!



Sparky says: Have a 3-foot (1-meter) "kid-free zone" around hot things like the grill or stove. Stay away from things that get hot.



Kids

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KIDS!!

For more fun learning activities, videos, and games

Please visit: <https://sparky.org/activities>





Weekly Activity Report

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Total Calls for Service 1/1/24 – 1/7/24: 198
Average per day: 28.28

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 02 Agency Assist
- 03 Animal Complaints
- 01 Civil Issue
- 01 Disorderly / Neighbor Dispute
- 02 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 01 Noise Complaint
- 01 Overdue Party (Under investigation for possible missing adult)
- 01 Report of possible fireworks/shots heard (attempt to locate)
- 01 Suspicious Person
- 50 Traffic Stops
- 04 Parking Problem
- 04 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 01 Theft
- 01 Shoplift

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- 01 Assault—Under investigation



DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Two officers received Narcan training.
- Officers conducted a parking emphasis to identify vehicles that were parked too close to fire hydrants.
- Speed emphases were conducted throughout the city.
- Online training was completed by an officer.

REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
 - To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
 - If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060
- If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at Police@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!



City Council and Calendars

January 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting overview:

- The 2024 State of the City address was presented.
- The Council voted unanimously for Deputy Mayor Winker to the position of Deputy Mayor.
- Mayor Frederick performed the swearing in of Councilmembers Ballard, Gasak, and Wargo.
- Resolution No. 24-001 Adopting ARPA Small Business Grants Policy was passed.
- Mayor Frederick read the proclamation declaring January 15, 2024, as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the City of DuPont.



Helpful Meeting Links:

- ◇ **City of DuPont Meetings** can be watched live or later at:
City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A).
- ◇ **Regular Council Meetings** can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel
and/or at: Pierce County TV (<https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings>).
- ◇ **Agendas**, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available
at the following link: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/>.
- ◇ **Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.

Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "Download Agenda".



 Download Agenda

Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
1/15/2024		City Hall CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/22/2024	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting
1/23/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
1/29/2024	6:00 PM	Parks Commission Special Meeting
2/5/2024	6:00 PM	Parks Commission Meeting
2/12/2024	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
2/12/2024	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting

Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
1/16/2024	Senior Lunch & Movie	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
1/20/2024	Nature Photography Class - Part 1	https://www.duPontwa.gov/547/Classes
1/20/2024	People Photography Class - Part 1	https://www.duPontwa.gov/547/Classes
1/26/2024	Senior Luncheon	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
1/26/2024	Teen Night Out: Minute to Win It	Teen Events and Programs DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
1/27/2024	Nature Photography Class - Part 2	https://www.duPontwa.gov/547/Classes
1/27/2024	People Photography Class - Part 2	https://www.duPontwa.gov/547/Classes

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